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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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SETTING UP OF NATIONAL TEXTBOOK COUNCIL
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to set up the National Textbook Council (NTC);

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the basic objective of the NTC;

(c) whether a decision regarding location of. head office and zonal officers of the said Council has been taken; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) and (b): A Committee of Central Advisory Board of Education on `Regulatory Mechanism for Textbooks and Parallel Textbooks taught in schools outside Government system` recommended for establishment of an independent body `National Textbook Council` to monitor textbooks taught in schools in the country so that standard of education could be maintained and students community should not be exposed to use of inferior quality of textbooks or undesirable content. The recommendations are under examination.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.